Senior Neil Favre bats .600

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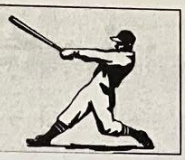

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A time for giving

Senior Travis Russ enjoys working with his young student.

By David Bradley

The Lenten Season is a special time for Christians to live the teachings of Christ through giving and sacrifice. This past Mardi Gras break, nine seniors were able to live out Christ's teachings in a very unique way.

These nine SSC students (Geoff Ballero, Patrick Clark, Hunter Dawkins, Chris Mensi, Andrew Nestor, Michael Pugh, Travis Ross, Kevin Stoltz, and Dustin Tasker) accompanied by Mr. Duhon, Brother Ronald Hingle, and Brother Charles flew to Las Vegas, Nevada, early Saturday morning and from there took a seven hour bus ride to the St. Anne's Mission in Klagetoh, Arizona. Here these seniors received the experience of a lifetime.

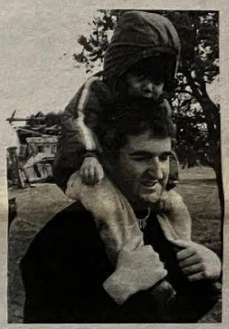
As soon as our students arrived they saw a condition that was foreign to their own. They stayed in a small hospitality house on the reservation. Here, poverty was the norm for many families and villages, but often the lack of material things was replaced with the love and compassion so often shown by the Navajos.

For five days, these men of character made a difference to the Navajos that lived on the reservation in a number of important ways. The students started off by helping the elderly and needy families with home repair. Many of the houses in the area were in bad shape, and our SSC family helped to paint and refinish these houses with constant work and effort. These seniors and faculty members also aided a local elementary school. Our students read to the children and lent a hand in producing one of the school's small drama productions.

Navajo culture offered new and interesting experiences to the group. One night they were invited to participate in a traditional Navajo dance. Another night the students shared in a Sweat Lodge Ceremony. Participants sat around a small pit in which hot lava rocks were thrown. The purpose of this ceremony is deeply rooted in Native American tradition. After a few minutes the lava rocks start to make those participating in the ceremony perspire. The Navajos believe that when you perspire, many of the spiritual toxins, sins, and other things holding you back from becoming closer to God and others are eliminated.

Experiences like these were new to our SSC seniors, but this visit to the mission was not a first. Eight years ago in 1993, Brother Canisius met a Dominican sister that lived on the St. Anne's mission. From this starting point, talks led to an annual trip to the reservation, where our young men of character could give their help to those who really needed it, and they could learn to experience Jesus in their lives in a whole new way through their exchange with this remarkable group of people.

Arizona's Canyon de Chelly provides a beautiful background for a mission group picture



Senior Kevin Stoltz gives a ride to a new friend.

Undoubtedly, the seniors had an unbelievable time on this trip. Geoff Ballero commented, "The trip to Klagetoh was all around just an awesome experience. I just hope the people were able to learn as much from us as we learned from them." This trip truly shows what great things can come when a Christian attitude, an open heart, and a giving hand come together.

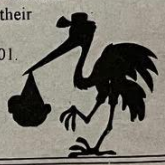
CONGRATULATIONS!!!

An Exemplary Teacher!

Mrs. Mary Jo Barr was selected as the 2000-2001 Outstanding Faculty Member. Mrs. Barr teaches seventh grade science and mathematics. Thanks for all you do, Mrs. Barr!

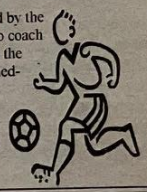
A Star is Born!

Mrs. Brandy Schruff and her husband Stephen recently welcomed their first child. Stephen Charles Schruff, Jr., on March 2, 2001. Mrs. Schruff is an ESL and foreign language teacher. Our congratulations to the Schruff Family.



A Top Coach!

Coach Andy Kivlan has been selected by the Mississippi Association of Coaches to coach seniors from high schools throughout the state in the All-Star Soccer Game scheduled for July 7, 2001. The Coca-Cola Company is sponsoring the game, which will be played at Hinds Community College in Raymond, located near Jackson.



Academic quiz bowl team

By DeLance Boggs

The Academic quiz bowl team consists of eleven people and is moderated by Mrs. Renée Hamm. Competitions are held each Monday in February and March and consist of three rounds of play. Opponents are determined by luck of the draw. There are two types of questions. The toss-up questions are worth 10 points and the Bonus questions are worth 20-30 points. The team has competed against Biloxi, St. John, Gulfport, Ocean Springs, Pascagoula, Pass Christian, and St. Martin High Schools. The St. Stanislaus Quiz Bowl Team's record is eleven wins and only one loss. The team has made the "Final Four" which will be held in April. The top two teams will be televised in May. Members of the St. Stanislaus Quiz Bowl Team include Dustin Tasker--Captain, Padrick Dennis--Co-Captain, Hunter Dawkins, Chris Mensi, Albert Li, Gary Leung, Brian Sy, Adair Beany, Bobby Morril, James Wilkinson, and Sherwin Leung.

"We are the Quiz Bowl gods!!!"

-Dustin Tasker-

Sample Toss-up Questions:

1.) When did the motto of the U.S., "In God We Trust" at last become the officially accepted one?

2.) The Rosetta Stone, which, when translated, unlocked the secret of most of the Egyptian hieroglyphics, was a slab of what kind of material?

3.) In what adventure tale did the following saying originate: "Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum!"?

Sample Bonus Questions:

1.) The English language has specific terms to describe groups of animals. A group of geese is referred to as a gaggle. For 20 points, 5 for each correct response, what name is used for the following collection of animals?

A. Lions
B. Gnats
C. Elks
D. Kangaroos

2.) The 1930's were an eventful decade for international relations. For 20 points, 5 for each correct response, give the year in which each of the following happened.

A. the beginning of the Spanish Civil War
B. Japan's invasion of Manchuria
C. Italy's invasion of Ethiopia
D. Hitler became the Chancellor of Germany

3.) While most people can identify our assassinated presidents, for 20 points, 5 for each correct response, name the 20th Century presidents who, like Ronald Reagan had serious attempts made on their lives

Answers to Toss-ups: 1)-1956
2)-Basalt
3)-Treasure Island

Answers to Bonus: 1)-Pride, Cloud, Gang, Mob or Troop
2)- 1936, 1931, 1935, 1933
3)-Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt ,Harry Truman, Gerald Ford

English AP

By John Waterman

Juniors and Seniors looking for a more challenging English class need look no further. SSC now offers Advanced Placement (AP) English courses for students who wish for a more in-depth and demanding English course.

This year, English III AP is taught by Mr. Stephen Flannery. There is a greater emphasis on composition as well as analyzing and adopting the rhetorical strategies used by skilled writers. There is little formal grammar instruction as students are expected to already have a command of grammatical English. Several novels are being studied as well, such as Lord of the Flies and The Woman Warrior. Numerous essays by a wide range of authors are studied along with these books. Several plays, including Much Ado About Nothing will be read as well. The Students must also write an eight to ten page research paper. Students can also receive credit for composition classes if they pass the AP exam. English III AP is also offered to students at Our Lady Academy, and currently six OLA juniors are taking the class.

Senior English AP is taught by Mrs. Renée Hamm. This year, SSC Seniors faced a demanding, but often enjoyable year. Seniors taking this advanced class may receive college credit if they pass the AP exam this spring. This year, the class focused on composition and novels, as well as the study of two college level text books. Some of the novels read this year are Catch-22, A Lesson Before Dying, Invisible Man, and All Quiet on the Western Front. The class is also responsible for a ten to fifteen page research paper.

As an AP student myself, I can comment that while challenging, these classes are an excellent way to prepare for college. Students looking for more serious and demanding English classes can now find them at SSC.

Academic Assistance: What is it?

By Michael Enloe

Very few people know what Academic Assistance really is. It is a program that assists students that have been diagnosed with a learning disability, such as dyslexia. Mrs. Helen Simpson, director of the Academic Assistance Department, says, "Our program is actually designed for students with average and above average IQ's." The program provides modifications each student may need to learn so that all may be successful in their regular classes. These modifications may include extra time for tests, oral testing, and note-taking assistance. Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Cynthia Clark work together to assist students.

During the Academic Assistance period, the students are on a schedule. First, prayer and announcements are read. The students have a journal topic every day, and each student selects a subject to work on. Then, the students work on a particular study skill or self-improvement skill. The juniors and seniors are working in a book called Study Power. The freshmen and sophomores are working with 7 Habits Of Highly Effective Teens. This takes work takes up part of the period. For the rest of the time, students study in individual or small study groups. Extra help is given after school to help students prepare for major tests.

In order to enter the Academic Assistance Program, a student must be diagnosed with a learning disability. This is done using a psycho educational evaluation administered by a doctor or psychoanalyst. This evaluation states the leading disorder and how it can be remediated. The student must then consult with Brother Ronald Hingle and Mrs. Simpson. If space is available, and the student is in need of academic help, the student is accepted into the program. Only forty students per year are accepted.

Both Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Simpson love working with these students. Mrs. Simpson remarked, "I really feel privileged to be able to work with our students because of their dedication to hard work."

A guest speaker

By Andrew Waterman

While studying the cultures of African countries in Mr. Moran's Global Studies class, we were honored by the presence of a guest speaker. Mr. Percy Roberts. He shared interesting stories with our class about his travels to Africa. He was extremely knowledgeable about South African society and culture. As a former boxer and currently a trainer, Mr. Roberts originally made many business trips to the African continent, particularly to South Africa. Eventually, he converted to the religion of Islam, having found both South African religion and culture to be his calling.

Mr. Roberts also gave a brief lecture on the government and society of South Africa. One major concern was the apartheid movement, a strict legal separation of the races, where the sixteen percent white minority controlled the South African government until 1994, when Nelson Mandela was elected as the country's first president by all the people of South Africa.

Speaking for our class, this writer feels that Mr. Roberts, and other future speakers, enrich one's experience in a classroom environment while learning about foreign cultures.

New styles in student assignments

Brad Reinhart wants "To count, or recount?"

By Edward Jasper

Many students at SSC are working creatively on assignments that require much more effort than the standard textbook ones. Some of these are making movies that follow along with the parables taught in Coach Stumpf's religion class, the "Titanic" projects in Mrs. Holmes's English classes, Science Fair projects in Mrs. Barr's class, and Ms. Borderlon's Adobe Photoshop projects.

Students in Ms. Borderlon's Art I class are exploring the use of computer technology as an artistic medium. This mini unit developed by Ms. Borderlon and Mr. Zilverberg is an interdisciplinary unit combining Computer Technology and the Visual Arts. Two major projects are being created by the students: one is a self- portrait, and the other is based on the theme of "social issues."

Some of the students in Ms. Borderlon's class commented on the assignment. "The Adobe Printshop project that we are doing in Ms. Borderlon's class is both fun and resourceful; we get to use our imaginations and get to interact with new technology," said Jake Johnson. Denise Huckabee said, "The Photoshop project is great because it is a new way to do art and it's easy!" T.J. Koger added, "The Adobe Photoshop in Ms. Borderlon's class is an artistic way to use computers and probably the only art I can do."

Mrs. Barr said she assigned science projects to her students instead of a third quarter exam. She gave the projects as an assignment so the students could apply what they had learned so far this year. Students were given the option to use either scientific method or a PowerPoint presentation on something covered in their science book. They were advised about the projects in the first semester so they could make a choice. Three classes of 7th graders participated in the projects. They had to work independently since the assignment counted for an exam grade. There were no restrictions on outside assistance, but the students were given weekly progress checks to make sure they were doing much of the work on their own. They did, however, have to list their helpers' names in their acknowledgements. Unfortunately there is not a contest involved with this assignment, but next year maybe there will be a science fair in which some students may compete.

Kevin Duvieilh, Miles Hester, and Ross Langrave used scientific method to answer a question they were curious about in their 7th grade Science Class.

These three students in Mrs. Barr's class, Logan Levy, Brad Reinhart, and Ross Hotard did exceptional work on their projects, and all of the students gave wonderful efforts with the projects. Some students commented about the assignments. Brad Reinhart, whose project titled "To Count or Recount", said, " I enjoyed this project a lot, because I learned that hand counts weren't accurate. I also was able to learn about voting and the process voters go through." Logan Levy who did "Color Detecting Robot" said "I had a great time doing this project because I have always been interested in robotics so I got to take my first step into the world of robots. I learned that robots are kind of complicated and frustrating." Ross Hotard who did "Black Holes" said, "I loved doing this project. I've always been interested with space phenomena. I learned theories on what happens to an object when it is sucked into a black hole." It took each student about two months to complete his project. Logan Levy and Brad Reinhart both want to do a project like this again, and Ross Hotard said, "Now that I have learned something about the black hole, I want to learn something new."

Garrett Gros, Christopher Rogers, and Don Haller investigated battery life, corrosion, and osmosis for their third quarter exam.

Left to right, Shane Cordray, Chris Miller, Andrew Parker, Ross Hotard (seated), Logan Levy (on floor), and James Langdon produced some interesting solutions to questions they answered for their third quarter exam.

We asked Coach Mike Stumpf to comment about his religion projects. He replied, "Students were asked to take the parables from the Gospels and to teach the parables in modern terms through videos skits, PowerPoint presentations, and visual aids such as pictures or drawings." Coach Stumpf added that he was impressed by all of the work that went into presenting the parables. A total of thirty students turned in videos; there were seven PowerPoint projects turned in, and the rest were skits or visual aids.

Mrs. Holmes's students have recently finished their "Titanic Projects," a favorite freshmen assignment. Her honors class had to do a two-part assignment. First they had to do a PowerPoint presentation about a specific facet of the ship, such as the crew, the floor plan, the lack of lifeboat maneuvers, etc. They had to have ten slides that had animation, graphics, music, and scans. The other half of the project was making a model of the ship. Other freshmen students designed unique projects that related to the doomed ship. These ranged in scale from models of the ship, to dinner menus, to crew lists, to name a few. Kris Swartzendruber made wood etchings of the names of victims on a plaque, and Adam Delgado and Will Loftus built a model of the Titanic using red and black licorice, Big Red Bubble Gum, and marshmallows. As always the Titanic projects reflected students' creativity, knowledge, and effort.

Mathematics contest

By Tyler Gallagher

On March 22, 2001, the annual Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics District Contest took place at Pearl River Community College. The top two scoring students in the seventh and eighth grades from various local schools had the opportunity to take part in this competition. The two boys in the seventh grade from SSC are Matthew Planchard and Brad Reinhart. Our school's two eight graders who made it into the competition are Robert Goggins and Heath Hansell. SSC Math teacher Mrs. Pat Cousins supervised the participants, who all enjoyed taking part in the competition. Heath Hansell noted, "The math competition at PRCC was an interesting experience. There were many other students from various schools. The test itself, was challenging, but the "sports" activities were fun and exciting. All participants were recognized as winners. It was a true honor and pleasure for me to participate in this competition."

Sailing 2001: Another great year

SSC/OLA Skippers Ben Puckett, Schaeffer Dane, Melissa Chapoton, and Joey Stokes compete for skipper spots for Baker and Mallory Qualifiers.

By Newspaper Staff

The 2000-2001 SSC/OLA sailing team put forth the best effort they could, but it wasn't good enough to grab the sport for the nationals to be sailed in Charleston, South Carolina, in May.

Ben Puckett, Schaeffer Dane, Melissa Chapoton, Keith Puckett, John Chapoton, Joey Stokes, Wynne Taylor, and Will Harris put in long hours (and some very cold) preparing for the national qualifiers. They sailed them on March 24th in New Orleans. Their efforts were noted as they sailed eight great races giving them an overall solid second place. However, second was not good enough this year. In the past, the southeastern district has been able to send two teams to the qualifiers every year. This year, the district shrank and only one team will travel to Charleston. Jesuit will be representing this area in May. This is disappointing; our sailing team is better than they have been in the past and I know they would have done very well in Charleston. Maybe next year they can beat Jesuit and travel to the nationals again.

Melissa and John Chapoton compete for a spot on Baker and Mallory Qualifier Team.

A great start

By Kunal Patel

This year's SSC baseball season has begun on a high note. Senior Neil Favre leads the Varsity team with his current average which is right up there in the .550-.600 range. SSC Athletic Director Coach Jay Ladner had this to say: "We're extremely proud of Neil and his accomplishments. He epitomizes the type of athlete we like here at SSC. We wish him and all of our players continued success."

Varsity Coach Will Seymour talked to us about this year's team. "We've started out strong, and the team is improving every game. We have very good senior leadership, with our senior players forming a strong nucleus. In the four years that I have coached here at SSC, we're seeing our best district start, and we have an excellent chance of finishing first or second in the District."

Coach Seymour stressed that practice is for the most, an everyday demand. He added, "The team is really working diligently; they have a goal, and they are striving to reach their destination. Currently, the Varsity team is third in the District with four wins and three losses. Perhaps the toughest competition for the Rocks will come from Petal, Oak Grove, and Picayune, teams that pose substantial threats for us each year."

The SSC Junior Varsity team is also looking strong this year. Coach Brian Keyes works with the Junior Varsity players. Batter up, Rocks!

Golf 2001 has begun

By Andrew Pretzello

St. Stanislaus' golf season has begun. The team started the season with a Varsity win of 185-176 and a Junior Varsity win of 209-186. "I thought we played pretty well against Mercy Cross for our first match of the year," said Coach Kenson. "I think I could have played better, but there is always next time," said Varsity player Damian Holcomb. T.J. Koger agreed with Damion saying, "Not many of us played well, but we still won." Then, the team moved on to a match against Hancock, Long Beach, and Pass Christian and finished second to a 169 by Long Beach. SSC had a 175; Pass Christian had a 179, and Hancock finished with a 181. Coach Kenson added, "We scored pretty well at Hancock; we played a course that we hadn't played before, of course James Wahl shot a 41, which was a pleasant surprise and managed to finish second to Long Beach. I thought we did a pretty good job."

"It was very good to win; we played from the back tees, and that was challenging, but I just took my time and it came around," said eighth grader James Wahl. Damian Holcomb also had this to say, "Long Beach and Pass Christian were tough; Hancock's number one and two player didn't play very well, and I think they would have had the match if they would have played better."

Many people would agree that the golf team got off to a good start, including Coach Kenson who said, "Our team is very equal in ability this year, which means that there will be a lot of competition for positions; also, we have two seniors on the team which means we are a very young team that looks good for the future." "We've got a good tradition here at SSC. We have won seven out of the last eight district championships, so if we continue to improve, I think we will be very competitive and challenged for the district again."

Track 2001

Statistics of the Junior High and Varsity teams.

Junior High
March 21-Hawk Relays—4th Place
March 26—Junior Rock Relays— 3rd Place

Varsity
March 21—Hawk Relays— 3rd Place

Tennis 2001

SSC/OLA Varsity Tennis Team

4/1 Win/Loss Record

March 6—Hancock—5-0
March 8—Stone County—4-1
March 9—d'Iberville—4-1
March 20—Gulfport—3-2
March 22—St. John—2-3 (loss)

SSC STUDENTS EXAMINE POLITICS

Why attack?

By Andrew Pretzello

Why should we have attacked now? This question is referring to the action that President George W. Bush and his new administration took against Iraq a little over a month after President Bush came to office. Many say that Saddam Hussein was testing Bush to see what he would do in this type of situation. "We, too, learned much about our new President," said historian Michael Beschloss. "Many candidates talk about what they will do during the election, but nobody knows until the moment comes."

Many things made the Bush administration nervous; for one, Iraq hasn't been inspected for nuclear, biological, or chemical weapons for two years. There are many reports that Saddam has built weapons of mass destruction, and is building sanctuaries outside the no-fly zone from which to shoot down British and American warplanes protecting the no-fly zone. By attacking, Bush showed that he wasn't going to be pushed around during his term in office, and he also started his first skirmish. Many also say George W. was standing up for his father by attacking Iraq.

Although reports said that the Iraq bombing had proved successful, there are other reports that say that near to twenty targets were missed by the warplanes. British Tornadoes, U.S. Navy F-18's, and Air Force F-15 were the planes flown during the bombing. Experts say that the Navy F-18 at a certain distance, unknown at the time, would miss targets. A flaw in the targeting programs being used caused this.

Personally, I think Bush did the right thing. This shows that he will be an aggressive president, but he could push Saddam too much. If the reports are true that Saddam has weapons of mass destruction, then we can't push him too far. Although he threatens a lot, we know that he isn't afraid to take action. My opinion is that we should take action, but we should be careful about what we do and how we do it.

In conclusion, I feel we are on the road to success. We have learned a lot from one bombing. The most important is what our new President will be like and how he will handle situations such as the bombing. Whether Bush is doing this for his father or the fact that Saddam is testing him, he still knew when to take action. That is important to keep a strong nation such as the U.S. safe. As far as the missed targets go, that may be true, but Saddam still knows who is in charge, the United States of America.

President, indeed

By Michael Enloe

Was the bombing of Iraq *really* necessary, people are asking? Did we *really* have to do it? There's only one problem: in the last two years of the Clinton administration, the United States conducted no less that 13 aerial strikes against the Iraqis. Why should we be so concerned about President Bush? Is it because his father founded the coalition to expel Iraqi troops from Kuwait? Possibly.

Other people say, "But we have not seen a president take such a large step in the first few months of his election." Clinton began actions against Iraq on his second day in office. We haven't, eh?

I really don't see why we are all fired up about Bush bombing Iraq. I believe Bush is being influenced by his dad. Hussein somewhat made George Bush look like a fool for having to commit so many forces to expel a third-world country from a nation smaller than one of our states. Don't get me wrong; I'm glad Bush is in the White House, but I don't think he should be so influenced by his father who has been out of the loop for almost ten years now. Should we wonder who is really controlling the country these days? Is it George W. Bush, or George Bush, the original?

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Dangerous Sports: Are they worth it?

By Jacob Johnson

There are many dangerous sports that people participate in around the world; some of the most common are racecar driving, sky-diving, bungee jumping, moto-cross racing, and football. These are just a few of the most dangerous sports around the world. One sport that I found that is very interesting, though, was a sport where people take rides down a half mile hill on a sixty foot long log that can reach speeds of up to fifty and sixty miles per hour. The whole way down people are falling off, getting themselves trapped under this huge thing all for the "thrill of the ride." The winner is usually the one that it still sitting on the log.

People are constantly putting their lives on the line every day for what they call a "thrill." I, for one, like to watch sports such as these. They seem to have an exhilarating effect, but I can't ever imagine doing these kinds of things for a living. People doing this every day seem to need danger in their lives. Danger, or the possibility of the presence of danger, is one of the main reasons these people do this, one of the main reasons they put their lives on the line every day.

One instance of a dangerous sport gone wrong was the unfortunate death of respectable racecar driver Dale Earnhardt, a veteran of the sport of stock car racing for twenty-five years. I know that he will be remembered for much longer than that. He had many friends around the nation, one of whom was Atlanta Braves baseball player, Chipper Jones, who said affectionately, "Earnhardt was the one guy, if any, that you thought was indestructible."

Dale Earnhardt and all other extreme sport martyrs will never be forgotten, especially by anyone in the society of extreme sports. Sports, like racecar driving, play out in dangerous arenas, but are the thrills big enough for the price one has to pay to play?

The Math and Science Team at its best

By Edward Jasper

It has been a tradition at S.S.C for twenty-six years and has provided numerous students with partial or full scholarships to colleges nationwide. No, it's not the basketball or football team, or even the baseball team; it is the Math and Science Team. The Math and Science Team consists of at most, ten members. This year there are eight. These are Robert Morell, Albert Li, Tuan Nguyen, Sherwin Leung, Gary Leung, Glen Carpenter, Olisa Aduba, Cheick Sanankoua, and Rodrigo Sevilla. The Math and Science Team moderator is Mr. Jim Thriffley.

Mr. Jim Thriffley and the Math and Science Team members prepare to leave for a competition.

Every year there are competitions at local colleges. The first of this school year took place at Mississippi College in Clinton, MS, on February 2, 2001. The fields of study were Biology, Chemistry, Math, Physics, and Computer Sciences. At this competition Robert Morell placed second in state in computer science. He received a medal and a $6,000 scholarship to Mississippi College. He was in the top 20% in math and by this also received a $1,200 scholarship. Albert Li placed in the top 5% in chemistry and the top 10% in math. His total earnings of scholarship money were $4,000. Tuan Nguyen placed in the top 5% in the physics and the top 10% in math earning $2,000 in scholarships for both. Sherwin Leung also scored in the top 10% in math and also earned a $2,000 scholarship. Glen Carpenter placed in the top 20% in math and earned a $1,200 scholarship.

On Monday, April 2, 2001, the Math and Science Team will travel to U.S.M. to compete again. This time there will be both visual experiments and a written test. Good luck, Rocks.

Brothers of the Sacred Heart serving SSC: Brother Adrian Gaudin

By Andrew Pretzello

Brother Adrian Gaudin is the guidance counselor for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders at SSC. He loves doing this because he has the opportunity to meet with people from all over the world. "I care for the students," he says, "and want them to see that. I respect them, and I like them to see the goodness in themselves." Brother Adrian is also the head of the Guidance Department. He loves to be a Brother at SSC, but he admits that he can be lonely or frustrated just like any other person.

Brother Adrian took his first vows in 1953. He really enjoys being a Brother here at SSC. His goals are to be the best counselor he can be and to affect the lives of young people. "The fact that I am in a team of Brothers working for the same thing is good," says Brother Adrian.

Before coming here, Brother Adrian was a headmaster or principal at St. Columba's college in St. Albans, England, twenty miles north from London; this is also a school run by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. When I asked Brother Adrian what he preferred to do, Guidance Counselor or Head Master, this was his answer: "Whatever I am doing I prefer."

Brother Adrian told me a lot of things in his interview, but one story stuck out the most, and that was the story that took place when he was in England. When he was Headmaster at St. Columba's, an IRA (Irish Republic Army) official approached him at school. The gentleman asked for some money to support the cause. Brother Adrian didn't have much money and so he told the man this. The IRA official then threatened to bomb the school. So Brother Adrian gathered as much money as he could, gave it to the man, and then called the police. There was no bomb at the school, but two weeks later there was an explosion at the town train station.

Brother Adrian is from New Orleans, Louisiana, and he is the seventh of eight children. "I love my family; I love doing things with them, and I love being with them." Brother Adrian's hobbies include reading, running marathons, and watching old movies. He reads a lot, about a book a week. Brother Adrian has also run a marathon (16.2 miles). His first marathon was in 1982, and he finished in less than four hours. Some of Brother Adrian's favorite movies are "Gone with the Wind," "The Wizard of Oz," "Singing in the Rain," and some of the old musicals starring Judy Garland, Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly, and Debbie Reynolds.

To the Keys

By DeLance Boggs

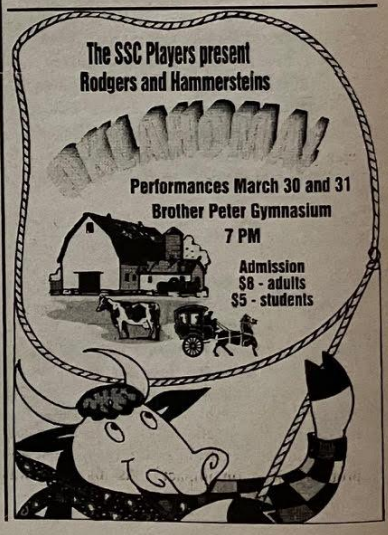
The Scuba Club has planned a trip to the Florida Keys during the upcoming Easter Break. Seven certified divers and the Scuba Club Instructor, Mr. Schultz, will make their way down to Isla Morada the Wednesday following Easter. These divers along with Mr. Arcement and one of the diver's fathers will fly to Miami and then rent a car that will take them to the Keys.

Isla Morada is located south of Key Largo. The Florida Keys, especially the mid-Keys, are considered to be Caribbean diving and the best domestic diving in the United States.

Mr. Schultz has taught classes down in the Keys and is very familiar with the areas in which the club will dive. " We will see a lot of different reef formations as well as turtles because May is mating season for the sea turtles. The divers will also visit a wall that runs 90 feet down, which is not typical for the area."

In the three days that the Scuba Club will be down in Florida, they will make a total of ten dives in which the divers who are not already at the level of advanced certification will have the opportunity to achieve this status. " In order to do a night dive and to descend to some of these depths, the divers must be advanced, so, while we are down in the Keys, the regularly certified divers will take an advanced course," said Mr. Schultz.

The Scuba Club will be offering certification classes for diving and taking a few scubas trips in early May. For details, see Mr. Shultz.



Gifts from God

By Andrew Pretzello and Michael Enloe

Everybody has a talent, and some people possess multiple talents. A talent is a gift from God, and as such it should be revered and shared with others. One's talent may be something a person loves to do, such as composing and playing music, creating art or forms of writing, acting in dramatic productions, or the like. Other talents are reflected in physical abilities, such as outstanding athletic achievements. Athletic accomplishments inspire and entertain others in positive ways. SSC Senior Neil Farve currently leads coast batters with an average of 600, and his athletic talents continue to inspire and encourage others. Senior Mike Miller enjoys diving. Mike is a member of the SSC Scuba Club, and he feels his love for diving is a blessing in his life. "One reason," he says, "that I dive is because of the peacefulness of the water."

Senior Michael Carter enjoys singing, and he often sings at school Masses. "My love for music has increased more and more as my love for the Lord has increased. My main goal is to glorify God through the musical ability that He has given me," said Michael. Obviously, Michael appreciates the gift with which God has blessed him.

Eighth grade student, Joe Gibbons, said, "Music is something I can do for the rest of my life. It is fun and creative; you can let yourself go." Joe plays in the school band, and he also plays music at school Masses.

Freshman student journalist Andrew Pretzello believes he has been blessed with a love and ability to compose and play music. "I love to write and play music because it's very relaxing. It is a gift that I love to share with others. The best part about writing music is that I feel like I have never completed a song; I'm always trying to make changes." Andrew likes to play the piano at Masses. He adds, "Playing at Mass is a great experience for me to share my music with others. Two of the tunes I have played at Mass, "End of Time" and "Lisa's Song," I also composed.

Freshman Tyler Gallagher is a big fan of art, mostly because he has a great talent and uses it to the fullest extent. "I like art because it's fun to do, and through art I can bring a little bit of happiness into somebody's life. My father influences me; he's a really good artist." Sophomore Edward Jasper is a trumpet and bass player who writes his own lyrics and hopes to be in a rock band one day. "My inspiration is the music around us everyday."

These are just a few of the many SSC students who are exploring and enjoying their gifts from God.

Legends never die

By Derek Fogarty

Dale Earnhardt
1951-2001

As most of us have already learned, NASCAR's once living legend, Dale Earnhardt, was tragically killed in the pit of his number 3 black Chevy at this year's Daytona 500. His death was the end of an era in NASCAR racing. Without a doubt, there will never be another driver as talented and dedicated to the sport, and yet so human as he. He was a man who you either loved or absolutely despised, but in some way or another, you respected him. He was a husband; he was a father; he was an idol. The sport will most definitely not be the same with the absence of "The Intimidator."

Earnhardt was staring into the face of death as he peered out of his windshield. He was intent on winning the race. He knew he didn't have the car to win, but he sure had the determination. As the last lap was upon him, he felt his car go loose. He shot down the apron of the track, and then was heading straight into the wall. BAM! He was dead. Earnhardt suffered from severe trauma and was probably dead on impact. As his body was loaded into the ambulance, thousands of spectators watched. No one knew he was dead at the moment. The ambulance drove away slowly, for there was no urgency. Dale Earnhardt was pronounced dead once he arrived at the hospital. His autopsy showed massive head trauma. It is said that Sterling Marlin's car either bumped him or got so close to Earnhardt's rear that it took airflow off his spoiler and caused the car to lose traction.

Earnhardt was born April 29, 1951, in Kannapolis, N.C. He was the first driver ever to win the rookie of the year and the series title at the Winston Cup level, and he won the title two years back to back (1979-1980). Earnhardt won the Winston Cup championship seven times. He almost tied Richard Petty's record with eight Winston Cup championships. In the year 2000 alone he won two races, finished in the top five thirteen times, and finished in the top ten twenty-four times. Altogether, he won a total of seventy-six races. It will be hard for another driver to meet these great accomplishments. It is sad, but certain there will never be another like Dale Earhardt, Sr. We must remember that legends never die. Rest in Peace, Dale. You are in our thoughts.

We asked you

By John S. Waterman

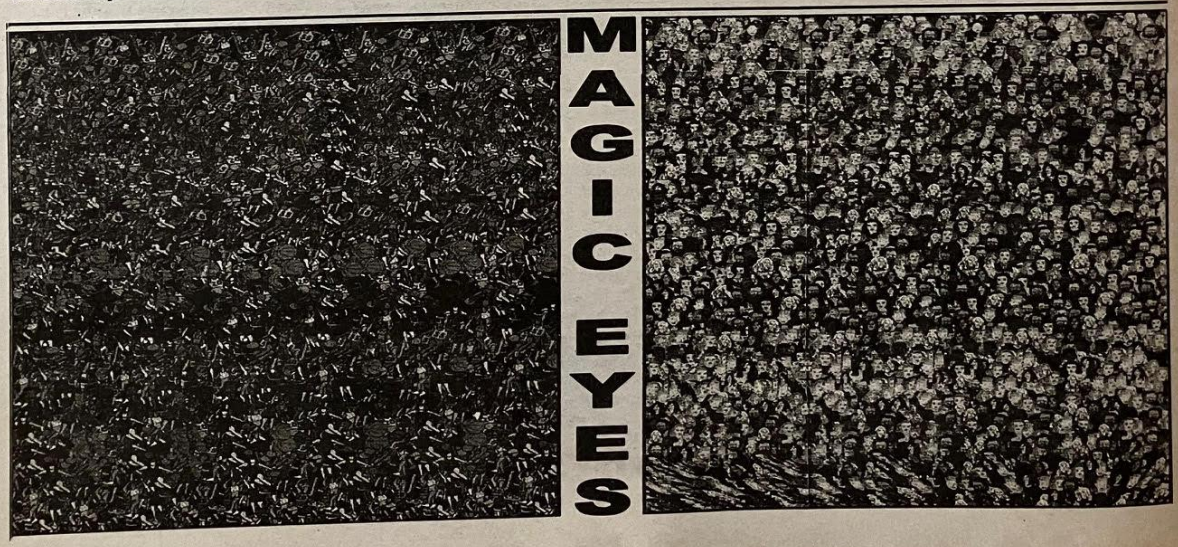
It's that time of quarter again, dear readers. That wandering journalist with the acid pen and even more acidic manner has summoned up the NERVE to DARE to ask You, our readers, what your favorite television show is. That's right. Personal privacy is now officially a myth.

"The Sopranos." --Andrew Waterman, Freshman
"Comic View." --David Bradley, Freshman
"The Sopranos." --Jake Johnson, Freshman
"The Simpsons." --Michael Iskandar, Freshman
"Seinfeld." --Jarrod Gillmore.
"Whose Line is it Anyway?" --Shane McCubbin, Senior
"Drew Carey or Whose Line is it Anyway?" --Will Boxx, Sophomore
"Notre Dame Football." --Mr. Cody Zilverburg, Teacher
"South Park." --Peter Murphy, Sophomore
"Junkyard Wars." --Andrew Pretzello, Freshman
"The Sopranos."--John Waterman, Senior
"Reruns of the Golden Girls."--Mrs. Bradbrook, Teacher
"The X-Files."--Mr. Genin, Principal, and Mrs. Genin
"Sports and weather."--Mrs. Holder, Secretary
"Ally McBeal and The Sopranos"--Mrs. Holmes, Teacher
"The Andy Griffith Show reruns."--Mr. Verlander, Teacher
"Baseball Games during the season."--Mr. Arnoult.
"Early Edition and Investigative reports."--Mrs. Bordelon, Teacher
"Investigative Reports and crime documentaries."--Mrs. Schmidt, Teacher
"I don't watch T.V. at all."--Mrs. Schade, Teacher
"There's not much T.V. at our house.--Mr. Flannery, Teacher
"Law and Order."--Mrs. Cousins, Teacher
"I don't watch much T.V."--Brother Harold, Counselor
"The Practice, E.R., and N.Y.P.D. Blue."--Brother Adrian, Counselor
"I don't watch T.V."--Mrs. Simpson, Teacher
"The Weather Channel."--Brother Charles, Administrator
"Seinfeld, Kramer, and some sitcoms."--Mrs. Estrade, Principal
"Monday Night Football during football season."--William Thomas, Sophomore
"Boston Public."--Mr. Dale Moran, Teacher.
"Dawson's Creek."--Barrett Hall, 8th Grade
"Whose Line is it Anyway?"--Zach Mellen, Sophomore
"The News."--Kevin Stoltz, Senior
"The Discovery Channel, The Learning Channel, and The History Channel are my favorites."--Mr. Fred Cherota, Principal.
"Boston Public."--Mr. Louis Burg, Teacher
"Frazier."--Coach Dellenger, Track and Football.
"Survivor"--Danny Sawbeck, Sophomore
"Rerun of Hogan's Heroes."--Denny Roth, Sophomore
"Seinfeld."--Christian D'Angelo, Sophomore
"Trucks."--John Lagarbo, Sophomore
"Saturday Night Live."-Sam Atchision, Freshman.
"The Simpsons."--Chris France, Freshman.
"Comic View."--Sam Tart, Sophomore.
"Fresh Prince."--Jeremy Boelte, Sophomre.
"The Famous Jeff Jackson."--Michael Kivlan, Freshman
"That Seventies Show."--Josh Schultz, Freshman.
"Babylon 5"--Daniel Wilson, Sophomore
"Married with Children."--John Chapman, Sophomore
"Boy Meets World."--Kit Stovall, Sophomore.
"Seinfeld."--Darren Keel, Sophomore

April Fools! Pick the bogus headlines, get your name in the next edition, and win a $5 mall gift certificate!!! (See rules at bottom.)

1. British Liner Athenia Torpedoed, Sunk; 1,400 Passengers aboard, 292 Americans
2. Bomber Hits Empire State Building, Setting it Afire at the 79th Floor; 13 Dead, 26 Wounded; Wide Area Rocked
3. Franklin D. Roosevelt Elected 32nd President
4. Assassination of President Reagan Failed
5. Roger Maris First Breaks Babe's All-Time Home Run Record
6. St. Louis Rams Lose To Saints In Playoff Game 28-31
7. 5 to 4 decision bans school segregation
8. Hawaii voted in as 49th state
9. Robert Kennedy Assassinated
10. Carter Wins in Landslide Victory
11. Navy Pilot Who Admired Kennedy is Oswald's Slayer
12. Yankees win World Series, defeating Cards, 7 to 5
13. Archduke Ferdinand's Assassination Thwarted; Possible War Averted
14. Pope John Paul II Shot In Car In Vatican Square
15. Martin Luther King Is Slain in Birmingham
16. Ford Pardons Nixon
17. Luna Robot Sets Down On Mars
18. U.S. Says Soviet Downed Korean Airliner
19. Berlin Wall Comes Down; Two Germanys Reunite After 45 Years
20. Bush Halts Offensive Combat; Kuwait Freed, Iraqis Crushed
21. Tapes Left By 39 In Cult Suicide Suggest Comet Was Sign To Die
22. Barbra Streisand and Jessica Tandy Tie For Best Actress at Oscar Time
23. Scopes Guilty, Fined $100, Scores Law; Benediction Ends Trial, Appeal Starts
24. France Wins World Cup Over Brazil 3-0
25. Tut-Ankh-Amen's Inner Tomb is Opened, Revealing Undreamed-Of Splendors

Contest Rules:

1. Students only may enter, as adults would have an unfair advantage. Journalism students may not enter the contest.
2. List the ten bogus headlines by writing the numbers of the headlines down on a piece of paper. Write your name, the date you submit your entry, and your grade level on the paper. All or any part of the headline may be bogus.
3. You may only enter once. Entering twice results in disqualification. Turn in your entry by placing it in the Rock-A-Chaw Newspaper box located in Mrs. Estrade's office. Entries must be submitted by 3:30 pm on Tuesday, April 3rd.
4. All contest entries will be placed in a random drawing and the first two entries drawn will be named the winners of the contest.
5. Winners will be featured in the final edition of the Rock-A-Chaw to be distributed in May and those two students will receive $5 gift certificates for the Student Mall.
6. Announcement of winners and distribution of certificates will be Friday, April 6th.

All students who submit correct entries will be listed in the May edition of the Rock-A-Chaw. Good Luck to all the participants!